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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
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Dear Sir or Madam:

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I am writing to tell you my opinions on reducing egg borne diseases and the force-molting of hens to manipulate egg production.

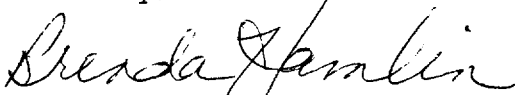
I feel the F.D.A. should prohibit the forced molting of hens because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems.

I feel you must ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. Cruelty and contamination are linked. Whenever a hen is stressed, it will not lay quality eggs.

I learned that the FDA was petitioned in April, 1998 to ban forced molting. I think this petition should be granted with no further delay.

I believe you, as the Dept. of Agriculture, have jurisdiction to ban these farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health. I think you should do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons & regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. I think the public should know.

Sincerely,



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